MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) The water from Olakaruviyar does not flow along Alathurayar.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Students from the Backward Communities in the University College.

223. ✻ MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of students from among each of the Backward Communities in the University College this year ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN : A statement containing the information required is laid on the Secretary's table.

Lift Irrigation Scheme in North Travancore.

224. ✻ MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*) : With reference to the Lift Irrigation Scheme in North Travancore, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total extent in acres ;
(*b*) the cost for cultivation of one acre ; and
(*c*) the yield from one acre ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) 980 acres.

(*b*) Average cost to Government Rs. 23½ per acre.
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(*c*) Average yield 51·3 *paras* per acre.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*) : With reference to part (b) of the answer may I know the nature of the expenditure the Government have to meet ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The electrical line has to be extended and also we have to carry out certain civil works.

Rice Mills.

225. ✻ MR. G. VELU PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, after the abolition of the rice mills in the State, they have any scheme to purchase the machines ;

(*b*) if so, how many were thus purchased till now ;

(*c*) the total cost involved on the same ; and

(*d*) whether they have decided as to what they should do with regard to the machines so purchased ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) *to* (*c*) In connection with the prohibition of the milling of rice Government had announced that they were prepared to buy the mills that ceased operation if the owners were willing to part with them at a reasonable valuation. Offers were accordingly received from certain mill owners and their mills were inspected and valued. Two mills have already been purchased. Arrangements have been made for the payment of the amounts due to the other mill owners

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